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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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SACHI A. HAMAI
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Dear Supervisors:

**INCORPORATION OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT FUNDS INTO THE HOUSING
AUTHORITY'S APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends incorporation of an additional \$18,000,000 into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget to cover Housing Assistance Payments for Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participants.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

1. Authorize the Executive Director to incorporate into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget an additional \$18,000,000 in Housing Assistance Payments received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a result of increased leasing to Section 8 participants.
2. Find that the incorporation of funds is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the action is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The incorporation of \$18,000,000 into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget will cover the costs of Housing Assistance Payments (HAPs) for Section 8 participants.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund.

The Section 8 program receives federal funds from HUD to cover the HAPs made on behalf of Section 8 participants. A total of \$18,000,000 of these funds will be incorporated into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

When the Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget was developed in December 2008, the Housing Authority's voucher allocation from HUD was 20,747 vouchers, and staff estimated the voucher lease-up rate to average 95% for the next Fiscal Year. However, the Housing Authority's voucher allocation increased to 20,980, due in part to vouchers from other housing authority jurisdictions that are being absorbed. Additionally, the Housing Authority's continuing lease-up efforts to assist low- and moderate-income participants resulted in an actual Fiscal Year 2009-10 lease-up rate of 99.4%.

The additional 4.4% lease-up rate and increased rental payment costs account for the increased HAPs of approximately \$18,000,000. Due to the increased lease-up efforts, the Housing Authority was able to assist approximately 1,144 additional households.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(3) because it involves administrative and management activities that will not have a physical impact on or result in any physical changes to the environment. The action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378 because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The incorporation of funds will enable the Housing Authority to administer the funds necessary to assist low- and moderate-income participants of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

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Respectfully submitted,

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